



Honorable William D. Ford
Chairman
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The General Services Administration (GSA) wishes to submit its views on H.R. 39, the "Federal Polygraph Limitation and Anti-Censorship Act of 1984." For the reasons set forth below, GSA opposes the legislation.

GSA believes that great harm can be done to national security by the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Nevertheless, GSA believes that H.R. 39, which is very similar to H.R. 4681 introduced in the 98th Congress, is unnecessary at this time, since the White House has suspended indefinitely the additional use of the polygraph and prepublication reviews beyond that which was in effect when National Security Decision Directive 84 was issued in March 1983. Moreover, it is clear that any future changes contemplated in the polygraph and prepublication programs will involve consultations with the appropriate Congressional committees. Finally, GSA is of the opinion that legislation in this area will only hinder or prevent the further study and implementation of appropriate uses of the polygraph and prepublication review in an effort to prevent the loss of national security information.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to your Committee.

Sincerely,